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**MINUTES**  
**Faculty Senate**  
**Feb. 08, 2001 – 11:30 a.m.**  
**Science Building, Room 102**

1. **The meeting was called to order by Louis Belby, chair, at 11:35 a.m. Roll was taken.** Members unable to attend: Charles Mahaffey, Paul Olsen, Megan Quinn, Jeffrey Coussens, Jim Winship, Mark Vincent, Cecilia Vogel & Ritva Williams.  
Excused absence: Dave DeWit & Jon Hurty & Jayne Rose.
2. Upon a **motion** by Tom Bengtson and **seconded** by Dara Wegman-Geedey **the Minutes of Dec 14, 2000** were **approved** with the following correction noted by **Louis Belby**.

Under Item 2, the first sentence, correcting the “graduation candidates for winter term” should have read “graduation candidates for **fall** term”.

3. **Report from Advanced Standing and Degrees – Mike Kirn**

Presentation of List of Candidates for winter term graduation, pending completion of all requirements. Two changes were made to the list at this time. Adding the name of Georgianna Ferguson and deleting the name of Michael Kealy. Kirn noted that five of the candidates will receive honors.

**Seconded** by Lori Scott and **approved**.

4. **Educational Policies Committee – Rick Jurasek**

- a. **Add: PO 355 Women and Politics / 3 Credits**

Historical and theoretical dimensions of women’s involvement in American politics. Analysis of U.S. women’s movements, perspectives on gender difference, women as candidates and in elected office, and the gendered character of public policy. Particular attention will be paid to issues of citizenship, representation, equality and difference.

**Drop: PO 310 Politics of Russia and Eastern Europe / 3 Credits**

Dean Jurasek clarified that this course is adding back in a version of an old course, which had been removed since before there had been no one to teach it. To compensate for this gain, the political science dept. will remove the PO310 course from their course listings.

**Seconded** by Roger Crossley and **approved**.

b. 1. **Add: BA 463 International Business / 3 Credits**

This course explores the opportunities and challenges in formulating global strategy and managing multinational operations. Included is the impact of culture, legal frameworks, and trade policies on international business operations. Prerequisites: BA 301, BA 321, EC 361 and EC 362.

**Drop: BA 461 International Management / 3 Credits**

**Drop: BA 462 International Marketing / 3 Credits**

**Seconded** by Peter Xiao and **approved**.

2. **Proposal to add a lab to BA 211 Business Statistics I**

Dean Jurasek explained that the Dept. of Business Administration wanted to replace the current 1-credit course in SAS business software with a lab section added on to Business States (BA 211). Before the course had been parallel to but unconnected with the required tool course; now the computer work will be integrated into the tool course with the lab.

In discussion, the following was established or clarified:

- SAS stands for “Statistical Analysis Software”; it was recommended that the full name be put in parentheses in the catalog copy.
- BA 211 is still a 3 credit course.
- Tom Bengtson wondered if the course shouldn’t be worth 4 credits, since student workload will increase.
- Janis Lonergan claimed that the integration of SAS with BA 211 will make learning more efficient and will not therefore substantially increase student workload.
- Others pointed out that science courses with labs are only 3 credits.
- Bengtson opined that those sciences with labs should have 4 credits, and that this course should as well. Bengtson moved to amend the motion, making BA 211 worth 4 credits instead of 3. The motion was not seconded.
- Dave Renneke pointed out that while some students do complain of getting only 3 credits for lab science courses, we have to look at the whole scope of the curriculum. If all science students started getting 4 credits for their lab courses, it would prevent them from taking other courses because they would use up their allotment of credits too quickly.
- Peter Kivisto suggested that if we want to discuss the issue of extra credits for science labs, we should do it in a different forum.
- Dean Jurasek asked if the Senate wanted EPC to study the question of extra credits for lab science. No one made a motion to do this.

**Seconded** by Gary Mann and **approved**.

c. **Add: BI 339 Animal Behavior / 3 Credits**

A study of how and why animals behave from the perspectives of genetics, development, physiology, and evolution. Prerequisite: 230, includes one two-hour lab weekly.

Dean Jurasek pointed out that while no course would be dropped to make room for this course, lab sections for BI 356 and BI 230 will be reduced, and another course will be put into biannual rotation. Steve Hager will teach BI 339.

**Seconded** by Dara Wegman-Geedey and **approved**.

d. **Proposed change/Academic Standards Policy**

The proposal is made because the case of a recent student suspension (for academic reasons) suggested to the Student Personnel Committee and to EPC that the current credit and GPA cut-off points may be forcing us to suspend students before they are even given a chance to recover and prove themselves while on academic probation.

To see the actual change to the system a comparison of the old and new versions (as stated on the attachment #5) would need to be made.

In discussion, the following was established or clarified:

- Norm Moline wondered if the special case that prompted this change in policy was in fact so exceptional that the rule should not be changed, and that the AS&D Committee should be left to rule on such special cases.
- Mike Kirn explained that AS&D did hear the case, and the student did ask for an exception to be made. Two committees heard the case and turned it down, but recommended that EPC reconsider the policy.
- Peter Xiao asked if there is a cap on first-term credits. Dean Hay said the cap was 11, but that in some cases first-year students could earn 12 or 13 credits in their first term. Xiao wondered if the 1.0 minimum GPA should then be extended to cover up to 13 credits (or whatever the maximum number of credits a first-year student could earn in a term).
- Jack Hullett wondered if Xiao's suggestion would cause trouble for students who bring in credits. Kirn said that it might.

**Seconded** by Mike Nolan and **approved**.

5. **Nominations and Rules – Larry McCallum**

McCallum, for N&R, gave out a document for information only, but wanted to give the Senate the opportunity to challenge the “for information only” status of the document. There was no challenge.

6. **Other Business**

Lou Belby **moved** that the Senate express condolences to Steve Backmeyer on the death of his wife, LaDonna.

**Seconded** by Sonya Knudsen and **approved**.

7. **Announcements**

There were no announcements

8. **Adjournment**

Joe McDowell **moved** to adjourn the meeting and Mike Finneman **seconded** the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Greene  
Secretary